



DNA testing is being conducted on certain evidence and that the Innocence Commission is continuing to investigate petitioner's claim of innocence.

In light of the current status of petitioner's claims filed with the Innocence Commission, the court finds it appropriate to stay this case at this time. Accordingly, petitioner's habeas petition is HELD IN ABEYANCE and all deadlines and proceedings thereto are STAYED pending further order of the court. The court DIRECTS the parties to file a joint status report every six months, and DIRECTS the Clerk to serve a copy of this order on the Innocence Commission as well as the parties.

This the 18th day of November 2011.

  
MALCOLM J. HOWARD  
Senior United States District Judge

At Greenville, NC  
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